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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,
Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 3-13898, published February 25, 1991;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-15217, published April 6, 1987;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-44401, published November 16, 1994, which was
discussed on page 1 of Applicant's specification;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 52-33146, published August 26, 1977, which was
discussed on page 6 of Applicant's specification;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 53-10396, published March 18, 1978, which was
discussed on page 6 of Applicant's specification;

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Japanese Patent Publication No. 64-4335, published February 3, 1989, which was discussed on page 7 of Applicant's specification;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 58-81021, published May 16, 1983, along with an English language Abstract thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-142 to OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO. LTD., published January 5, 1993, which was discussed on page 3 of Applicant's specification, along with a full English language translation;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 48-58691, published August 17, 1973, along with an English language Abstract thereof;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-1128 to OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO. LTD., published January 12, 1994, along with a full English language translation;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-5769 to OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO. LTD., published February 16, 1994, along with a full English language translation;

Japanese Patent Publication No. 58-142019, published September 24, 1983, along with an English language Abstract thereof;

U.S. Patent No. 4,724,836 to OKADA, issued February 16, 1988, which is an English language counterpart to above listed Japanese Patent Publication No. 3-13898;

U.S. Patent No. 4,271,845 to CHIKASHIGE et al., issued June 9, 1981, which is an English language counterpart to above listed Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-15217; and

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U.S. Patent No. 5,058,603 to DOI et al., issued October 22, 1991, which is an English language counterpart to above listed Japanese Patent Publication No. 6-44401.

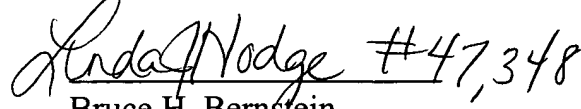
Copies of the U.S. patents and the Japanese documents, along with the English language abstracts and translations thereof, are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. Further, each of the above-mentioned documents is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider each listed document and to indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing and signing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and returning a copy of the signed and initialed form with the next communication.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to obtain and review the above listed co-pending application and the prior art of record, if any, cited therein.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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